



***Pride Puppy* by Robin Stevenson,  
illustrated by Julie McLaughlin**

Orca Book Publishers, 2021  
9781459824843 Hardcover  
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\*Ages 3-5: (Suggested by Publisher)

PreK-Kindergarten: (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

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A young child and their family are having a wonderful time together celebrating Pride Day—meeting up with Grandma, making new friends and eating ice cream. But then something terrible happens: their dog gets lost in the parade! Luckily, there are lots of people around to help reunite the pup with his family.

This rhyming alphabet book tells a lively story, with rich, colorful illustrations that will have readers poring over every detail as they spot items starting with each of the letters of the alphabet. An affirming and inclusive book that offers a joyful glimpse of a Pride parade and the vibrant community that celebrates this day each year.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

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★ “Bouncy rhymes...vibrant, rainbow-splashed illustrations...This engaging introduction to Pride parades for the youngest readers successfully testifies to the warmth and power of queer community.”—[Publishers Weekly, starred review](#)

★ “[A] sheer delight and will be a welcome addition to shelves everywhere. Highly—and proudly—recommended.”—[Kirkus Reviews, starred review](#)

“With a multitude of messages about love, inclusivity, and equality, *Pride Puppy* will be a sure-fire staple in the

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growing collection of #OwnVoices LGBTQIA+ children’s literature.”—[The Classroom Bookshelf, School Library Journal](#)

“A rich story of diversity and inclusion... A feast for the senses, *Pride Puppy!* will be sure to capture the attention of young readers and parents alike. Highly Recommended.”—[Canadian Materials, March 2021](#)

“The magic of Pride is perfectly captured in this bright and fun picture book...A book that showcases Pride from A to Z (or Awake to Zzzzzs), this celebration of community and family, like Pride, vibrant, diverse and fun for everyone.”—*Canadian Children's Book News*

“Two paws up for delightful, inclusive and engaging *Pride Puppy!* If you buy just one kids’ book for Pride this year, make it Robin Stevenson’s new *Pride Puppy!*”—[Mombian](#)

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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[Pride Puppy Poster: Build a PROUD Bookshelf](#)

[What Banned Books Can Teach Us: Building an LGBTQ Picture Book Library for Pride](#)

## RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

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[Supreme Court Case involving \*Pride Puppy\*](#): On January 17, 2025, the Supreme Court of the United States announced that it would hear the case of Mahmoud v. Taylor and rule on whether the Montgomery County public school district in Maryland has the right to use LGBTQ+ picture books in classrooms without notifying parents and giving them the option of opting their children out. The case involves nine LGBTQ picture books, including *Pride Puppy*.

PEN America: [Supreme Court to Hear Case Involving Parents’ Objections to LGBTQ+ Children’s Books](#)

Mombian: [Supreme Court to Hear Case on Whether Reading LGBTQ+ Books in School Requires a Parental Opt-Out Option](#)

Adventures in Censorship: [Will Scotus Give a Constitutional Right to Ban Books?](#)

Randy Fair, author of *Southern Gay Teacher*: [Teachers Have the Power to Open Students Eyes](#)

## AUTHOR INTERVIEWS

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Orca Blog, April 2024: [Standing Together Against Book Bans: A Q&A with award-winning author and activist Robin Stevenson](#)

PEN Canada, Feb, 2024: [You can’t read that: Banning kids’ books in Canada and the United States](#)

Freedom to Read, 2022: [Author Robin Stevenson Resists Organized Challenges to Books About Sexual Minorities](#)

## AUTHOR STATEMENT

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[PEN America Author Statement on Mahmoud v. Taylor Supreme Court Case](#)

### **\*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

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A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.